

Case 7408

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

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U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC § 371 from  
the International Application of :  
CLARKE, Joanna Margaret et al :  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/03231 :  
Filed in the RO/US on 08 February 2000 :  
Entitled: DIOLS AND POLYMERIC GLYCOLS IN  
DISHWASHING DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

3. A liquid dishwashing detergent composition according to Claim 2 wherein the diol is selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, 1,2 hexanediol, 2-ethyl-1,3-hexanediol and 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol and mixtures thereof.

4. A liquid dishwashing detergent composition according to Claim 3 wherein the polymeric glycol is polypropylene glycol having a molecular weight of from 1000 to 5000.

5. A liquid dishwashing detergent composition according to Claim 4 wherein said diamine is selected from the group consisting of:

